

# Back to School News and Tips

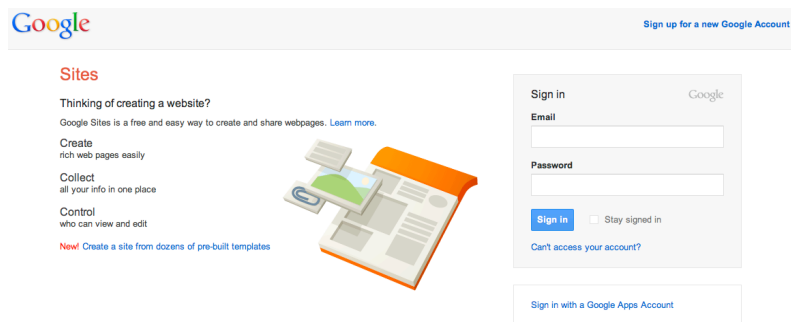
Town and Country and Rotorua Central ICT Clusters

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Welcome back to school and hope you find something that is useful for you this year.

## Google iSite

A place for you to create your own online page - might be a good place for keeping a record of your Professional Reading this year or creating your online CV. To get to this go to [www.google.co.nz](http://www.google.co.nz) then select "more" on the tabs then "sites".



## Bookmarking

Have you tried 2clicks as an option for bookmarking?

see <http://www.only2clicks.com/>

## Digital Citizenship

Netsafe have a very good website called Learn, Guide, Protect.

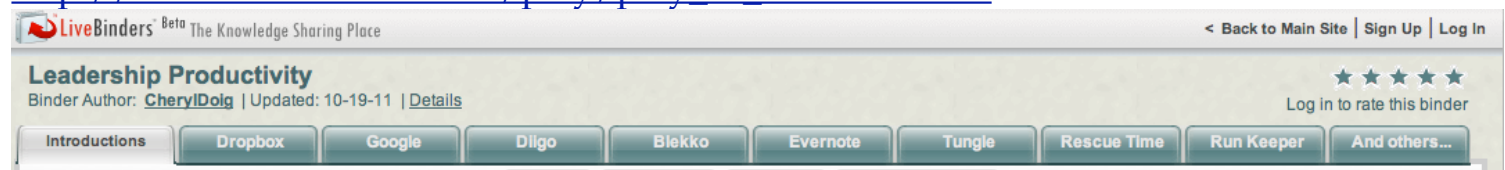
see <http://www.mylgp.org.nz/index.php>

Challenge: Share with your staff something you find useful on this site.

## Aiding Productivity

Web 2.0 tools that can be used by school leaders and teachers to aid productivity. This is a copy of Cheryl Doig's presentation at Ulearn 2011. Check out the following link:

[http://www.livebinders.com/play/play\\_or\\_edit?id=27461](http://www.livebinders.com/play/play_or_edit?id=27461)



## Digital NZ ([www.digitalnz.org](http://www.digitalnz.org))

Check out the following link for tips on how to use this resource in your classroom

<http://www.edtalks.org/video/andy-neale-digital-nz>

## The Junior Classroom

A place for you to gain ideas from Rachel Boyd for how to make effective use of ICT tools in the Junior Classroom

<http://www.slideshare.net/rachelboyd/juniors-can-do-it-updated?type=powerpoint>

## Something for your family

Are you aware of the website [www.grabapass.co.nz](http://www.grabapass.co.nz). Log in and try using the Promo code MYROTORUA for rates available to locals with proof of residence.

## An online Resource for all teachers

Have you ever visited <http://www.prometheanplanet.com/>

An online resource that over one million teachers from around the world belong to. Free to join, thousands of free resources which you can download and adapt.

Particularly useful for those with Activboards in their classroom but well worth all teachers checking out.

The screenshot shows the Promethean Planet website homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Home, Community, Resources, Professional Development, Store, and Support. A search bar is also present. The main content area features a large banner for 'Plan Your Lessons Ahead' with a 'Learn More' button. To the right, there's a 'Latest on Planet' section with highlights from the Flipped Group, Creative Lesson Ideas, and Publisher Resources. On the far right, there's a 'Sign In' section with a login form and a 'Sign up - It's Free!' button. Below the sign up button, there are statistics for Resources (53,207), Downloads (19,407,467), and Members (1,216,019).

**Welcome!**  
Created by teachers, for teachers, Promethean Planet is a unique teaching, sharing and support community—your place to connect, create, and change the classroom!

**Plan Your Lessons Ahead**  
School's Back — Are You Ready?  
Prepare and gather materials with help from Planet!  
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**Latest on Planet**

**Highlights from the Flipped Group**  
Discover ideas for combining instructional videos with flipcharts and a QR Code Scavenger Hunt project.  
[Visit the Blog](#)

**Creative Lesson Ideas Measuring**  
Early Years practitioner, Lorraine Munro, shares activity ideas for teaching young learners about measuring.  
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**Publisher Resources in the Planet Store**  
Ready to teach, straight from download, six new interactive French language resources from Hachette Antoine.  
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